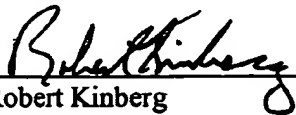


REMARKS

Claims 7-18 are pending in the application. Claims 8, 9, and 12 have been amended to correct claim dependencies. In light of these amendments, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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